

APPEAL NO. 032855  
FILED DECEMBER 11, 2003

This appeal arises pursuant to the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, TEX. LAB. CODE ANN. § 401.001 *et seq.* (1989 Act). A contested case hearing was held on October 6, 2003. The hearing officer determined that the compensable injury of \_\_\_\_\_, does not extend to and include a HNP and/or disc protrusion at the L5-S1 level. Appellant (claimant) appealed this determination on sufficiency grounds. Respondent (carrier) responded that the Appeals Panel should affirm the hearing officer's decision and order.

DECISION

We affirm.

We have reviewed the complained-of determination and conclude that the extent-of-injury issue involved a fact question for the hearing officer. The hearing officer reviewed the record and decided what facts were established. We conclude that the hearing officer's determination is supported by the record and is not so against the great weight and preponderance of the evidence as to be clearly wrong or manifestly unjust. Cain v. Bain, 709 S.W.2d 175, 176 (Tex. 1986).

We affirm the hearing officer's decision and order.

According to information provided by carrier, the true corporate name of the insurance carrier is **CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

**CT CORPORATION SYSTEM  
350 NORTH ST. PAUL STREET  
DALLAS, TEXAS 75201.**

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Judy L. S. Barnes  
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

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Margaret L. Turner  
Appeals Judge

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Robert W. Potts  
Appeals Judge